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Falkland Islands Coverage

The FBIS Paraguay Bureau, which is responsible for coverage of the southern cone of South America, went on 24-hour operation to provide full coverage of Argentine radios, television, and press agencies in connection with the invasion of the Falkland Islands. Our British counterparts especially expressed appreciation for the reporting on the Argentine side of the dispute. Meanwhile, the FBIS London Bureau instituted coverage of domestic BBC radio and television to provide prompt coverage of British developments. ☐

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Support for High Level Officials

At OSO's request, FBIS will provide a staff Korean-language officer, ☐ to accompany a team that will go to Korea in connection with Vice President Bush's visit, 25-27 April. In connection with Secretary Haig's visit to London and Buenos Aires, the State Department requested the usual FBIS wire support; i.e., selected items are sent to the Secretary's party at the request of the State Operations Center. ☐

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Conference of Sovietologists

Some 40 Soviet political-affairs specialists from the Agency, the State and Defense Departments, Brookings Institution, and RAND Corporation assembled 8 April at a day-long conference on "Soviet Politics and the Media" sponsored jointly by the FBIS Analysis Group and the CIA Center for the Study of Intelligence. Chaired by Matt Gallagher of FBIS/AG, the conference addressed three issues: (1) how to interpret the apparent independence shown by certain prominent Soviet foreign policy commentators, (2) the significance of media indicators of strain or maneuvering over policy within the Soviet leadership, and (3) the value of the Soviet press for the study of Soviet military theory. Lead-off discussants were Professor Jerry Hough of Duke University, currently at Brookings; Myron Rush of Cornell, currently scholar-in-residence in SOVA; and former NIO/USSR Arnold Horelick, now at RAND. A report on the conference will be issued, based on a stenographic record of the discussion. ☐

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Middle East Mediation

State Department efforts to promote Palestinian autonomy talks and to demarcate the new Sinai frontier have called for on-going FBIS translation support. Under the auspices of the Office of Global Issues, FBIS/JPRS is beginning translation of Arabic-language source documents needed to support the American negotiating role in determining the future of the Gaza Strip. Meanwhile, FBIS has completed the translation of the map of the 1906 Turko-Egyptian agreement, which will help define the merits of Egyptian and Israeli claims in the current border negotiations.

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Support for OSWR

An example of close support by FBIS staff linguists for OSWR analysis can be seen in recent overt information provided the DDI in connection with Soviet involvement in the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Vienna.

Recent intelligence reporting, as well as U.S. newspaper speculation, had focused on the relative value of the IIASA to the United States and the Soviet Union, and the advisability of U.S. withdrawal of financial support. Open Soviet literature scanned by FBIS has indicated that the Soviet Union is receiving extremely valuable though unclassified data as a result of its ability to access Western data banks through the Institute's ties with powerful computer systems.

For the past year the USSR Division of FBIS has been providing information to OSWR analyst in support of his studies of the IIASA. This included an article from an irregular Soviet publication that revealed how the USSR uses its membership in the IIASA to access Western data bases and improve its own computer network technology. The article also described Soviet and East European organizations linked by computer to the IIASA and the nature of the communications channels. An NID article drew heavily on FBIS material supplied. Other material included a Soviet publication received last month which contained an admission by the Soviets that they had gained greatly from membership in the IIASA.

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